

conform to it".

Moreover, since Our Blessed Lady had never ceased to be the object on whom their thoughts, their affections, and their hopes were chiefly fixed, they consecrated themselves in this association to be her Servants wholly and without reserve for ever. We give the text of the Constitutions: "Fearing our own instability, and following an impulse which we believe to proceed from the source of Wisdom, we cast ourselves, in fervour of spirit, at the feet of the most glorious Queen of Heaven, Mary, ever Virgin, beseeching her as our Advocate and Mediatrix to reconcile us to her Divine Son, to recommend us to His all-bountiful goodness, to supply by His abundant charity all our shortcomings, and in His clemency to aid us by His most efficacious merits. We, therefore, taking service for the glory of God in the household of His Blessed Mother, desire henceforth to be her Servants; and we adopt, at the same time, a rule of life in accordance with the counsels of men experienced in spiritual things."

These Constitutions are a valuable relic. They speak clearly to us amidst the silence of history. They show us the seven youthful